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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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Notes on the provisional agenda

At its nineteenth session in 1986, the Commission decided to undertake work in the area of procurement as a matter of priority and entrusted that work to the Working Group on the New International Economic Order (A/41/17, para. 243). The Working Group commenced its work on this topic at its tenth session, held from 17 to 25 October 1988, by considering a study of procurement prepared by the Secretariat (A/CN.9/WG.V/WP.22). The Working Group requested the Secretariat to prepare a first draft of a model law on procurement and an accompanying commentary taking into account the discussion and decisions at the session (A/CN.9/315, para. 125).

At its eleventh session (5 to 16 February 1990), the Working Group considered a draft of the model law on procurement and an accompanying commentary prepared by the Secretariat (A/CN.9/WG.V/WP.24 and A/CN.9/WG.V/WP.25). The Working Group requested the Secretariat to revise the text of the model law taking into account the discussion and decisions at the session and agreed that the commentary would not be revised until after the text of the model law had been settled. In addition, the Working Group requested the Secretariat to prepare for the twelfth session draft provisions on the review of acts and decisions of, and procedures followed by, the procuring entity (A/CN.9/331, para. 222).

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At its twelfth session (8 to 19 October 1990), the Working Group had before it the second draft of the model law (A/CN.9/WG.V/WP.28) and the draft provisions on the review of acts and decisions of, and procedures followed by, the procuring entity (draft articles 36 to 42, contained in A/CN.9/WG.V/WP.27). At that session, the Working Group reviewed the second draft of articles 1 through 27. It did not have sufficient time to review draft articles 28 to 35, or the draft articles on review, and decided to consider those draft articles at its thirteenth session. The Working Group requested the Secretariat to revise articles 1 through 27 to take account of the discussions and decisions concerning those articles at the twelfth session (A/CN.9/343, para. 229). During the adoption of the report of the twelfth session, the Secretariat was further requested to prepare a report for the thirteenth session on conditions and procedures for use of competitive negotiation.

The Working Group is composed of all States members of the Commission. These are:

Argentina, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Egypt, France, Germany, Federal Republic of, Hungary, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mexico, Morocco, Netherlands, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Spain, Togo, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay and Yugoslavia.

Item 1. Election of officers

The Working Group, in accordance with its practice at previous sessions, may wish to elect a Chairman and a Rapporteur.

Item 3. Procurement

The thirteenth session will have before it reports of the Secretary-General containing draft articles 36 to 42 of the model law on procurement dealing with review of acts and decisions of, and procedures followed by, the procuring entity (A/CN.9/WG.V/WP.27), and draft articles 1 to 35 of the model law on procurement (A/CN.9/WG.V/WP.30), as well as a report of the Secretary General on competitive negotiation (A/CN.9/WG.V/WP.31).

Item 5. Adoption of the report

The Working Group may wish to adopt, at the close of its session, a report for submission to the twenty-fifth session of the Commission.

Meetings

The session of the Working Group will take place at the United Nations Headquarters, New York. Meetings are scheduled from 15 to 19 July, and on 22, 23, 24 and 26 July. No meeting will be scheduled for Thursday, 25 July, in order to allow for the preparation of the draft report of the session. Meeting hours will be from 10.00 to 1.00 and from 3.00 to 6.00, except on Monday, 15 July, when the session will commence at 10.30.